These Sayings Of Mine

Matthew 7:24-29

Intro:

A. Jesus is nearing the end of His, "sayings."
   1. They have included many topics and subjects.
   2. He has spoken the beatitudes.
   3. He has spoken of the law.
   4. He has spoken of charitable giving, of alms giving, of public prayer, of private prayer, of fasting.
   5. He has spoken of riches, and anxiety.
   6. He has spoken of critically judging one’s brother.
   7. He has spoken of God’s willingness to hear His children.
   8. He has warned His hearers of false prophets.

B. Jesus makes an application of His sayings.
   1. They are His sayings. “of mine”.
   2. They are what is “heard”
   3. He has spoken much more than, “how to be saved,” for this is more assumed than taught.
   4. His sayings here are more about the proper way to put one’s life together for service than of the plan of redemption. He speaks of a foundation.

I. Jesus Teaches By Illustration.

A. "Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine..." v.24
   1. heareth = ακοουω = “to give ear”, “to listen”, “to learn by hearing”, “to be informed.”
   2. sayings = λογος = “the word spoken as an expression of what one believes, “the expression of one’s thoughts”
   3. mine = μου = “of me”
   4. “...listens to this teaching of mine”... - TCNT

B. "...I will liken him..."
   1. liken = ομοιωω = “to make to resemble any other objects of the same kind, to compare”
   2. “I will compare him...”
II. Building Upon The Solid Rock.

A. Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock. V.24

1. heareth = λόγος = (see A, I, 1.)
2. doeth = ποιεῖ = to make, to form, to produce, what one does repeatedly, continually."
3. wise = φρονέω = "understanding,"
   "thoughtful", "practically wise", "sensible",
   "common sense"
4. built = οἰκοδομῶ = "to build a house"
5. rock = πέτρα = a rock, a projecting rock not a
   πέτρος, a rolling stone might be thrown.
   ("look at that rock", not, "hand me that rock")

B. The time of testing. V.25

1. "And the rain descended" = καταβαίνω = "to
come down," "to descend from higher to
lower."
2. "...and the floods came..." = ποταμός = "a river",
   "a stream," "to flow as a river"
3. "and the winds blew... = πνεύμα = "to blow", "to
   breath"
4. "and beat upon that house" = προσπίπτω = "to
fell upon or before," "to rush against."
5. "and it fell not;" = πτω = "fell down"
6. "for it was founded upon a rock." = θεμελίω =
   "to lay the foundation of anything"
7. This does not speak of the building material,
   but of the foundation.
   6:47, here 3 acts are noted, cometh, heareth,
   and doeth. Luke 6:48 = "dug deep, and
   laid the foundation on a rock:"

III. Building Upon The Shifting Sand.

A. "And every one that heareth these sayings of mine
and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a
foolish man, which built his house upon the
sand. V.26

1. heareth = same
2. sayings = same
3. doeth = same
4. likened = same
5. foolish = μωρός = “dull”, “not acute”
   “silly in one’s thinking”
6. sand = αμμός = “sand”, “sandy ground”

B. The time of Testing. V.27
1. “And the rain descended...” = same
2. “and the floods came...” = same
3. “and the winds blew” = same
4. “and beat upon that house:” beat upon = προσκόπω = “to strike against”
5. “and it fell” = same
6. “and great was the fall of it.” = μεγας

IV. The Reaction Of The Hearers.

A. “And it came to pass, when Jesus had ended these sayings...” v.28
1. “When Jesus closed the address...”
2. ended = τελεω = “to complete”

B. “the people were astonished at his doctrine.”
1. astonished = εκπλησσωμα = “to be driven out of one’s senses by a sudden shock, to be exceedingly struck in one’s mind.” “to be astounded.”
2. doctrine = διδαχη = “teaching,” “thing taught”

C. “For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.” V.29
1. taught = διδασκω, with σιμ, to be; = “was teaching”. He was teaching them...
2. authority = εξουσια = “delegated authority to do anything”, “permission” (here of God)
3. They perceived that He spoke by the authority of God.

D. “...and not as the scribes.”
1. They taught by referring to the ancients.
2. They used what others said and not what God said.